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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN PRESIDENTS REQUEST TO SECRETARY FOR HELICOPTERS
AND PARTS

1. DURING HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER FEBRUARY 24,
GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT LAUGERUD HANDED HIM A MEMORANDUM,
READING AS FOLLOWS IN ITS ENTIRETY (TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH):

"GUATEMALA, FEBRUARY 24, 1976
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"TO: SECRETARY HENRY KISSINGER

FROM: PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

SUBJECT: 2UH-1H

4 T-53L13B TURBINES
4 ROTOR BLADES
SPARE PARTS IN GENERAL"

2. PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT ALL OF GUATEMALA'S SIX
HELICOPTERS ARE PRESENTLY GROUNDED FOR MAINTENANCE AND
REPAIRS. HELICOPTER SUPPORT WAS ABSOLUELY ESSENTIAL TO
THE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT AND GUATEMALA
NEEDED NOT ONLY THE SPARE PARTS NECESSARY TO GET ITS
PRESENT FLEET FLYING AGAIN, BUT ALSO AT LEAST TWO NEW
HELICOPTERS TO EXPAND THE AIR FORCE'S COMMUNICATIONS AND
DELIVERY CAPABILITY.

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3. SECRETARY SAID THAT OF COURSE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE

FOLLOWING UP ON THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST, BUT IN ADDITION
DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH DOD ON THIS MATTER
PROMPTLY.
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